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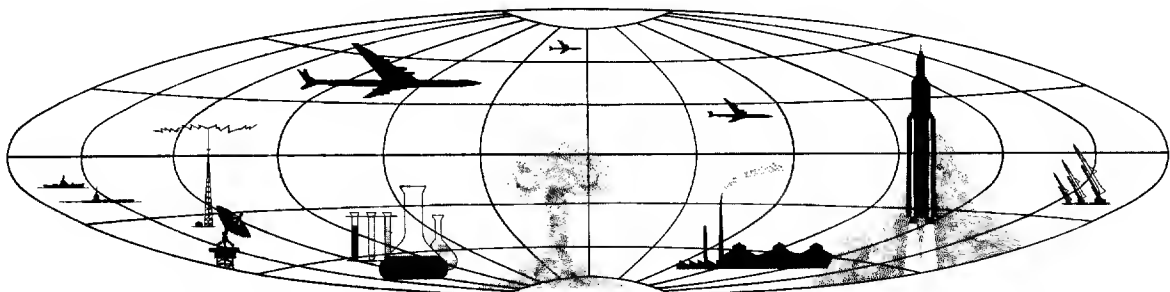
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STUDY OF AREAS IN CUBA
REPORTED AS SUSPECT MISSILE SITES

This brief presents the results of a photographic study of areas in Cuba which, according to numerous information reports, contain suspect missile sites. A review of the reports shows that 22 different locations or place names have been used in reference to the "suspect missile sites." A search of the best available 1961 TALENT photography produced no positive evidence of missile facilities or activity at or near any of the 22 locations. Brief descriptions of the activity observed at each location follow. Each description is followed by photo and document references which include the date of the photography examined and the date of the information given in the document.

1. Cayo Largo (21-40N 81-25W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed. A graded-earth runway, not yet complete, measuring 3,500 by 225 feet and oriented northwest/southeast, was observed at 21-37N 81-33W, with support facilities at the northwest end of the runway. Construction of both the runway and support facilities appeared at a standstill in September. Construction of a seaside resort 2.8 nautical miles (nm) southeast of the runway also appeared at a standstill. The resort area is connected by road to the runway area.

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2. Minas del Frio (20-00N 76-59W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Minas del Frio. At Minas del Frio, road construction and mining were observed. A camp containing 40 buildings is located in the area.

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3. Mayari Arriba (20-27N 75-31W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Mayari Arriba. The only item of interest is a building area containing 14 barracks-type buildings and several small support buildings. Just west of the building area is a group of ten pit diggings partially grass-covered and water-filled. A gravel runway 4,200 feet long and oriented east/west is located at 20-25N 75-31N. A small hangar and a small building complex are under construction south of the runway.

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4. Laguna del Tesoro (22-21N 81-07W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Laguna del Tesoro. There are several small resorts in the area, and a large resort is located 3 nm west of Laguna del Tesoro. A three-gun AAA position defends the large resort.

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5. San Antonio de los Banos (22-53N 82-30W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of San Antonio de los Banos. Conventional military defenses are noted north and northwest of the town and in association with San Antonio de los Banos Airfield, one nm southwest of the town.

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6. Mariel (22-44N 82-45W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed with a 5-nm radius of Mariel. Conventional military defenses are noted west-northwest of Mariel and in association with Mariel Naval Air Station, 1.5 nm northwest of Mariel.

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7. Ceiba del Agua (22-53N 82-39W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Ceiba del Agua. A military camp with AAA and FA gun positions is located 4 nm north of the Sierra de Anafe.

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8. Santa Cruz del Norte (23-09N 81-55W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Santa Cruz del Norte. Conventional military defenses are located 1.5 nm south-southwest of Santa Cruz del Norte.

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9. Cuevas del Pepu (20-22N 76-22W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Cuevas del Pepu. Scattered quarries are noted in an area 7 nm southwest.

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10. Las Palmas (22-57N 80-28W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Las Palmas. A small military training area is immediately southeast of Las Palmas.

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11. Yerba Guinea (20-06N 75-32W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Yerba Guinea. Scattered defensive positions are located west and north of Yerba Guinea.

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12. Los Indios (20-31N 76-06W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Los Indios.

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13. Artemisa (22-49N 82-45W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Artemisa.

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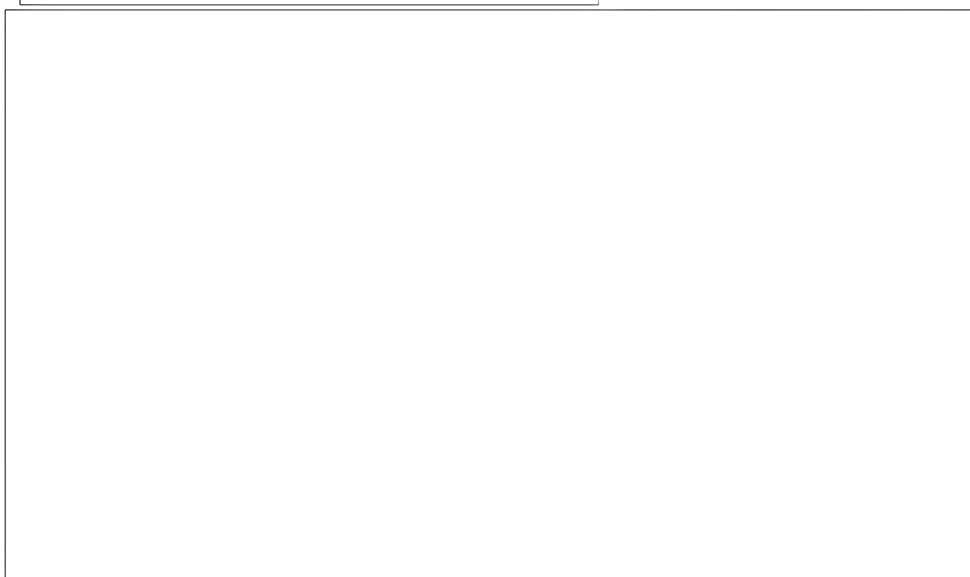
14. Tapaste (23-01N 82-08W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Tapaste. An installation under construction at 23-03N 82-06W, 2.2 nm east-northeast of Tapaste and .8 nm north of Mendoza includes five and possibly six excavations or cuts 200 by 30 feet (depth undetermined) on the rim of a cliff. Buildings have been constructed over or are straddling two of the excavations or cuts. Several other small buildings are in the immediate vicinity. 25X1

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15. Cueva del Cure (23-02N 82-06W)

This place is 2.5 nm northeast of Tapaste and .4 nm southeast of the installation under construction near Tapaste at 23-03N 82-06W (item 14). The name is used in several documents in reference to the activity near Tapaste. 25X1

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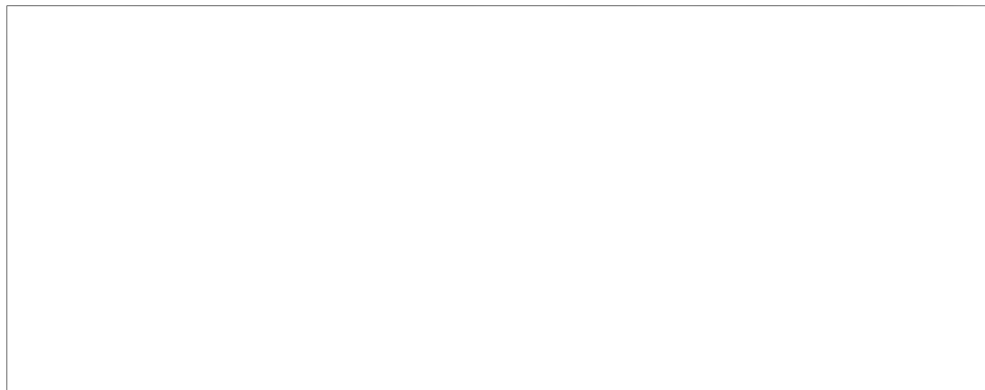
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16. Mirador de la Habana (23-03N 82-06W)

This place is 2.6 nm northeast of Tapaste and .2 nm northeast of the installation under construction near Tapaste at 23-03N 82-06W (item 14). The name is used in reference to the activity near Tapaste.

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17. Jamaica (22-59N 82-10W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Jamaica. Military defenses and scattered mining activity are located just west and south of Jamaica.

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18. Lomas de Bejucal (22-55N 82-23W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Bejucal. Two installations of undetermined function are located in the area. The first installation, at 22-56N 82-24W, one nm northwest of Bejucal, includes an earth-covered, concrete building and an earth-covered, concrete drive-through structure. The second installation is under construction at 22-56N 82-23W, one nm northeast of Bejucal. It includes an earth-covered, doglegged building; a connected earth-covered, drive-through structure; a

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T-shaped excavation; and a loop road. (For a more detailed description of the two installations see NPIC/IM-43/61.)

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19. Cacahual (22-56N 82-24W)

This location is the same as for the first installation described under Lomas de Bejucal (item 18).

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20. Sorora (22-48N 83-01W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Sorora.

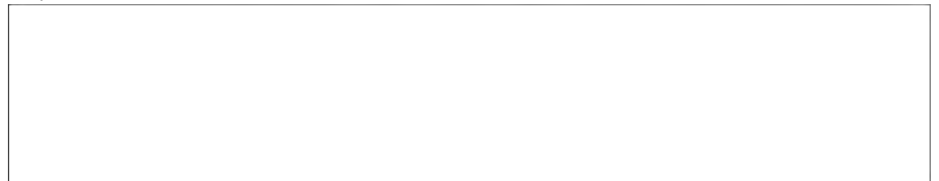
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21. Finca la Dominica (23-00N 82-51W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed in the area between Mariel (23-01N 82-45W) and Bahia Honda (22-55N 83-12W). Conventional military defenses are scattered throughout the area.

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22. Hershey Sugar Mill Area (23-08N 81-57W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of the Hershey Sugar Mill. Conventional military defenses are scattered throughout the area. 25X1

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